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SUBJECT: GEORGE HABBASH ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF NEW
REJECTIONIST FRONT

1. GEORGE HABBASH OF PFLP AND AHMED JABRIL OF PFLP/GC, WHO
HAVE BOTH BEEN MEETING WITH QADHAFI, HELD A JOINT "SEMINAR"
WITH SOME OF THEIR LOCAL SUPPORTERS IN TRIPOLI JUNE 8. LIBYAN
PRESS REPORTS OF THE SEMINAR QUOTE HABBASH AS ANNOUNCING THE
FORMATION OF A NEW REJECTIONIST GROUP CALLED THE "ARAB REJECTION
FRONT TO COMBAT IMPERIALISM AND DEFEATIST SOLUTIONS".
HABBASH SAYS THE FRONT WILL BE COMPOSED OF FOUR FEDAYEEN
GROUPS, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. IT IS TO UNDERTAKE "MILITARY
ACTIONS ON THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL IN THE HEART OF OCCUPIED
TERRITORY (ISRAEL) SO THAT THE ZIONIST ENEMY CANNOT
GO TO GENEVA AND SIT DOWN WITH ANY FORCE REPRESENTING
THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE". HABBASH SAID FURTHER THAT
"WE ARE WORKING NOW TO SET UP AN ARAB REJECTION FRONT WITH A
UNIFIED MILITARY AND POLITICAL PROGRAM, AND WE HAVE IN FACT
BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM BY ESTABLISHING UNIFIED
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MILITARY FORCES WHICH DEPEND ON NO FRONT BUT THE FRONT

TO REJECT DEFEATIST SOLUTIONS. THIS FRONT WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON A BASIS OF RESPECT FOR ALL POINTS OF VIEW...." HABBASH IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT PALESTINIAN UNITY CAN ONLY COME ABOUT "IN THE CASE OF A CONFLICT WITH THE ZIONIST ENEMY AND A LONG PEOPLE'S WAR. IF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO CHOOSES THE PATH OF CONFLICT IT WILL STRENGTHEN NATIONAL UNITY, BUT IF IT GOES TO GENEVA, THEN NATIONAL UNITY WILL BE BROKEN UP".

2. COMMENT: IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH HABBASH AND JABRIL HAVE TAKEN STEPS IN THE DIRECTION OF SUBMERGING THEIR DIFFERENCE, UNDER QADHAFI'S AUSPICES. THE PHRASE "RESPECT FOR ALL POINTS OF VIEW" PRESUMABLY TRANSLATES TO MEAN COOPERATION BETWEEN MARXISTS AND NON-MARXISTS.
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